

CPYRGHT *U.S. Pilot Who Escaped  
North Vietnam Recovers*

SAN DIEGO, Sept. 11 (AP) — Lieut. (jg.) Dieter Dengler, the United States flier who escaped from his North Vietnamese captors, has recovered from his ordeal. So far, he has spent 46 days in the Naval hospital here.

The 26-year-old German-born flier entered the hospital July 27 to recuperate from a 23-day jungle trek to freedom. He was captured after his Navy plane was shot down by the Communists last February.

The San Diego Union reported today that Lieutenant Dengler's first night out of the hospital Aug. 18 was spent at a downtown night club.

The newspaper also reported that hospital beds apparently were too soft for Lieutenant Dengler after sleeping 23 days on the jungle floor. A guard found the flier sprawled on the floor one night, began emergency resuscitation, but merely aroused the flier from sound sleep.